(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) संविदा की शर्तों के अनुसार, मैसर्स राइट्स द्वारा व्यवहार्यता रिपोर्ट का प्रथम चरण दिसम्बर, 1993 तक प्रस्तुत किया जाना है।

Danapur Repair of roads of Cantonment

1789. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to floods during 1971, 1975 and 1987, roads, drains in ward No. 5 and 7 of the Danapur Cantonment Board (Bihar) were badly damaged; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government would take action to repair them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government had sanctioned special grants-in-aid of Rs. 6,77,338 and Rs. 42,000 to Danapur Cantonment Board in 1985-86 for repair of roads and drains, respectively, and Rs. 6,86,292 during 1990-91 for repair of roads.

Insanitation in Danapur Cantonment

1790. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Danapur Cantonment (Bihar) is in very bad state due to irregular sanitation of roads, drain and night soil and stored rubbish not being removed; and

(b) if so, whether the practice of Army Health Officer's visit to Cantonment Area and submitting report to the Board, has been followed during the last three years, upto the 22nd June, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The state of sanitation ,roads and drains and arrangements for removal of garbage at Danapur Cantonment, are not quite satisfactory. This is partly due to the very large floating population and the Cantonment Board being financially reficit and thus dependent on grants-in-aid from the Centre even for meeting the normal maintenance requirements. The Board, within the available resources, has made arrangements for regular clearing of night soil and removal of rubbish. The Board has provided public group latrines having 45 seats. Besides 50 more group latrine seats which were constructed under the Ganga Action Plan have now been handed over to the Cantonment Board for maintenance. Due to budgetary constraints, additional posts of Safai Karamcharies could not be sanctioned. The Board has 3 trucks and one night soil tanker. One Sanitary Inspector, one Jamadar and 67 Safai Karmcharies are employed on civil conservancy.

An Assistant Health Officer, who is a Military Officer of the Cantonment, visits the Cantonment regularly and submits a Monthly Health Report, as required under the Cantonments Act, to the Board.

Cheating by Defence Official

1791. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Indian Express, New Delhi edition dated the 1st July, 1992 narrating the story of a poor man from Orrisa who was cheated by the Manager (Personnel and Administration) of Bharat Dynamics Limited by taking his kidney on the assurance of offering him a permanent job in the company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Manager (P&A), BDL who was suffering from kidney failure has advertised for kidney donation. The kidney donor mentioned in the News item dated 1.7.92 had volunteered and offered his kidney allegedly on an assurance for payment of Rs. 30,000 and a permanent job in BDL.

The kidney transplantation took place in Appolo Hispital. The Manager (P&A) who was asked by the Company to explain the allegations against him has stated that he paid Rs. 5,000 before and Rs. 20,000 after the operation. He has also informed that his brother also provided free boarding and lodging to him from May, 1991 to Feburary, 92 and paid Rs. 4,000.

As regards the allegation about assuring a permanent job in BDL, the Manager (P&A) has denied having given any such assurance and claims that his signatures have been forged on a promisory note. In any case he had no authority to make any such promise on behalf of the company.

Action has been taken to investigate into the matter.

Election to Cantonment Boards

1792. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that election in 58 Cantonment Boards were held in February, 1992; and

(b) if so, the names of the elected Members who took oath in Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit and English respectively?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Ordinary elections to 56 Cantonment Boards were held in February 1992. Elections to the Dehradun and Fategarh Cantonment Boards were held in April, 1992.

No elected member took oath in Sanskrit.

Names of the elected members in the February 1992 Elections, who took oath in Hindi, Urdu or English are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix CLXIV, Annexure No 33)

Modernisation of Indian Navy, Airforce and Army

1793. SHRI S. K. T, RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the steps being taken to improve and modernise Indian Navy, Airforce and Army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Modernisation of the Armed Forces in an on-going process. Having regard to the changing threat scenario and the availability of resources, appropriate measures are taken to modernise our Forces in order to ensure effective defence preparedness. Details of modernisation plans of our Armed Forces cannot be divulged in the national security interest.

Cadre review of Ministerial staff in Army Headquarters

1794. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2354 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether the proposals regarding cadre review of Ministerial staff in Army Headquarters accepted by the Ministry of Defence will not bring additional expenditure; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the proposals have not been given effect to so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The ministerial staff in Army Headquarters mostly comprise personnel from the AFHQ Civil Service, AFHQ Stenographers Service and AFHQ Clerical Service. No proposals regarding the Cadre Review of these services have been finally approved by the Government in the recent past.